

HOUSE BILL No. 1001

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-51.4; IC 21-12; IC 21-14-15; IC 21-18-19-1; IC 21-49-3.

Synopsis: Education and higher education matters. Provides that an annual grant amount awarded under the career scholarship account program (CSA) may be used for costs related to obtaining a driver's license if certain conditions are met. Provides that a CSA annual grant amount may not be used for the purchase or lease of a motor vehicle. Changes certain CSA application time frames from seven days to 30 days. Allows the recipient of a: (1) higher education award; (2) freedom of choice grant; or (3) scholarship under the twenty-first century scholars program; to apply the award, grant, or scholarship to the cost of training by an approved intermediary, employer, or labor organization. Allows certain recipients of a scholarship under the twenty-first century scholars program to apply the scholarship to the cost of a sequence, course, apprenticeship, or program of study provided by a CSA participating entity. Requires the commission for higher education (commission) to: (1) create a list of intermediaries, employers, and labor organizations approved to receive reimbursement from a: (A) higher education award; (B) freedom of choice grant; and (C) scholarship under the twenty-first century scholars program; and (2) establish requirements or limitations with regard to reimbursements. Requires each state educational institution to provide certain information regarding degrees, degree completion, faculty members, administrative support staff, costs, salaries, and debt loads to the commission. Requires the commission to prepare longitudinal analysis regarding certain data. Requires each private postsecondary educational institution and each out-of-state public and nonprofit degree granting institutions that offers instructional or educational
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services or training in Indiana to provide to the department of education information to carry out certain reporting requirements and requirements related to the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed dashboard. Allows for the revocation of an out-of-state public or nonprofit degree granting institution's authorization if the institution fails to provide the information.



Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-51.4-2-3.8, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2023,
2 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3.8. "CSA qualified expenses" means expenses to
4 enroll in and attend sequences, courses, apprenticeships, or programs
5 of study designated and approved under IC 20-51.4-4.5-6, including
6 **the following:**
7 (1) Career coaching and navigation services.
8 (2) Postsecondary education and training.
9 (3) **Subject to IC 20-51.4-4.5-6.5**, transportation, ~~and~~ equipment,
10 **and costs related to obtaining a driver's license.**
11 (4) Certification and credentialing examinations. ~~and~~
12 (5) Any other expenses approved by the treasurer of the state
13 under IC 20-51.4-4.5.
14 SECTION 2. IC 20-51.4-4.5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2023,
15 SECTION 62, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 1. (a) After June 30, 2023, a parent of a career scholarship student or an emancipated career scholarship student may establish a career scholarship account for the career scholarship student by entering into a written agreement with the treasurer of state on a form prepared by the treasurer of state. An application to establish a CSA account, or an application to participate in the CSA program with an ESA account, must be submitted not later than October 1 for the school year. Subject to subsection (f), the CSA account of a career scholarship student must be made in the name of the career scholarship student. The treasurer of state shall make the agreement available on the website of the treasurer of state.

(b) To be eligible to participate in the CSA program, a parent of a career scholarship student or an emancipated career scholarship student must agree that:

(1) a grant deposited in the career scholarship student's CSA account under section 3 of this chapter and any interest that may accrue in the CSA account will be used only for the CSA qualified expenses;

(2) money in the CSA account when the CSA account is terminated reverts to the state general fund; and

(3) the parent of the career scholarship student or the emancipated career scholarship student will use the money in the CSA account for the career scholarship student to attend one (1) or more of the sequences, courses, apprenticeships, or programs of study designated and approved under section 6(a) of this chapter.

(c) A parent of a career scholarship student may enter into a separate agreement under subsection (a) for each child of the parent. However, not more than one (1) CSA account may be established for each career scholarship student.

(d) Except as provided under subsection (f), a CSA account must be established under subsection (a) by a parent of a career scholarship student or an emancipated career scholarship student for a school year not later than ~~seven (7)~~ **thirty (30)** days after the date that the treasurer of state approves an application submitted under subsection (a).

(e) Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, an agreement made under this section is valid for one (1) school year while the career scholarship student is in grades 10 through 12 and may be renewed annually. Upon graduation, or receipt of:

(1) a certificate of completion under the career scholarship student's individualized education program; or

(2) an Indiana high school equivalency diploma under IC 22-4.1-18;



the career scholarship student's CSA account is terminated.

(f) If:

- (1) a parent of a career scholarship student or an emancipated career scholarship student enters into a written agreement with the treasurer of state on a form under subsection (a); and
- (2) the career scholarship student participates in the ESA program under this article;

the parent or emancipated career scholarship student must participate in the CSA program using the student's ESA account instead of establishing a CSA account. However, if the student ceases to participate in the ESA program, the parent of the student or the emancipated student must establish a CSA account to participate in the CSA program.

SECTION 3. IC 20-51.4-4.5-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 6.5. (a) A parent of a career scholarship student or an emancipated career scholarship student may use a CSA annual grant amount received under this chapter for costs related to obtaining a driver's license if the following conditions are met:**

- (1) The amount used for the costs does not exceed one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250).**
- (2) The parent or emancipated CSA student demonstrates proof of hardship, as determined by the department.**
- (3) Any other criteria that the department considers relevant are satisfied.**

(b) A CSA annual grant amount received under this chapter may not be used for the purchase or lease of a motor vehicle (as defined in IC 4-4-32.2-6).

SECTION 4. IC 21-12-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.165-2016, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 1. (a) An applicant is eligible for a first year higher education award under this chapter if the student meets the following requirements:**

- (1) The applicant is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the commission.**
- (2) The applicant:**
 - (A) has successfully completed the program of instruction at an approved secondary school;**
 - (B) has been granted a:**
 - (i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;**
 - or**



(ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal), IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or IC 22-4.1-18; or

(C) is a student in good standing at an approved secondary school and is engaged in a program that in due course will be completed by the end of the current academic year.

(3) The financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the commission, are such that, in the absence of a higher education award under this chapter, the applicant would be deterred from completing:

(A) the applicant's education at the approved postsecondary educational institution that the applicant has selected and that has accepted the applicant; or

(B) training by an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization under section 9.3 of this chapter.

In determining the financial resources reasonably available to an applicant to whom IC 21-18.5-4-8 applies, the commission must consider the financial resources of the applicant's legal parent.

(4) The applicant will use the award initially at that approved postsecondary educational institution, **unless the applicant intends to apply an award under this chapter to the cost of training under section 9.3 of this chapter.**

(5) This subdivision does not apply to an applicant who intends to apply an award under this chapter to the cost of training under section 9.3 of this chapter. The student is enrolled full time in an approved postsecondary educational institution and making satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the postsecondary educational institution, toward a first baccalaureate degree.

(6) This subdivision does not apply to an applicant who intends to apply an award under this chapter to the cost of training under section 9.3 of this chapter. The student declares, in writing, a specific educational objective or course of study and enrolls in:

(A) courses that apply toward the requirements for completion of that objective or course of study; or

(B) courses designed to help the student develop the basic skills that the student needs to successfully achieve that objective or continue in that course of study.

(7) The student is not eligible to receive a twenty-first century scholarship under IC 21-12-6.

(8) The student is not eligible to receive a:



(A) National Guard tuition supplement grant under IC 21-13-4; or

(B) scholarship under the National Guard scholarship extension program under IC 21-13-5.

(b) This subsection applies to an individual who:

(1) meets the requirements set forth in subsection (a); and

(2) before the date that eligibility is determined by the commission, has been placed by or with the consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by a licensed child placing agency in:

(A) a foster family home;

(B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;

(C) a child caring institution; or

(D) a group home.

The commission shall consider an individual to whom this subsection applies as a full-need student under the commission's rules when determining the eligibility of the individual to receive financial aid administered by the commission under this chapter.

SECTION 5. IC 21-12-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. **(a) This section does not apply to an award recipient who is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter.**

(b) A higher education award recipient is not eligible for assistance after the recipient has received an award for the number of academic terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate academic years.

SECTION 6. IC 21-12-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2008, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3. **(a) This section does not apply to an award recipient who is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter.**

(b) To maintain eligibility a student is not required to:

(1) attend an approved postsecondary educational institution; or

(2) receive an award;

in consecutive semesters or quarters.

SECTION 7. IC 21-12-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019, SECTION 92, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 9. (a) A higher education award for a student in a program leading to a baccalaureate degree may be renewed for a total of three (3) undergraduate academic years following the academic year of the first award or until an earlier time as the student receives a degree normally obtained in four (4) undergraduate academic years. A



higher education award for a student in a program leading to a technical certificate or an undergraduate associate degree may be renewed for the number of academic years normally required to obtain a certificate or degree in the student's program. **An award or grant for a recipient who is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter or IC 21-12-4-3.6 may be renewed for a term determined by the commission under IC 21-18-19-1.** The commission may grant a renewal only upon application and only upon its finding that:

(1) the applicant has successfully completed the work of a preceding year;

(2) the applicant remains domiciled in Indiana;

(3) the recipient's financial situation continues to warrant an award, based on the financial requirements set forth in section ~~(+)(a)(3)~~ **1(a)(3)** of this chapter;

(4) the applicant is eligible under section 2 of this chapter, **unless the applicant is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter or IC 21-12-4-3.6;**

(5) the student maintains satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the eligible institution, **unless the applicant is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter or IC 21-12-4-3.6; and**

(6) beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31, 2017, **unless the applicant is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter or IC 21-12-4-3.6,** the student successfully completes:

(A) at least twenty-four (24) credit hours or the equivalent during the last academic year in which the student received state financial aid; or

(B) at least twenty-four (24) credit hours or the equivalent during the last academic year in which the student was enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution; **and**

(7) unless the applicant is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter or IC 21-12-4-3.6, the student has completed the requirements described in:

(A) section 9.2 of this chapter, if the student is applying for renewal of an award under this chapter; or

(B) IC 21-12-4-3.5, if the student is applying for renewal of a freedom of choice grant.

(b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the commission shall apply all the following types of credits regardless of whether the credits were completed during the last academic year described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):



(1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, Cambridge International, and international baccalaureate courses.

(2) College credits earned during high school.

(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during a previous academic year in which a student received state financial aid.

SECTION 8. IC 21-12-3-9.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2023, SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 9.2. **(a) This section does not apply to an award recipient who is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter.**

~~(a)~~ **(b)** As used in this section, "intermediary" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-18-1-3.5.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** As used in this section, "labor organization" has the meaning set forth in IC 22-6-6-5.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(g)~~; **(h)**, a student who receives an award under this chapter shall, during the:

(1) first undergraduate academic year that the student receives an award under this chapter; and

(2) third undergraduate academic year that the student receives an award under this chapter;

meet with at least one (1) intermediary, employer, or labor organization for not less than thirty (30) minutes to discuss current and future career opportunities and the necessary education levels for various careers.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** For purposes of subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, a student may meet only with an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that is included on the list prepared under IC 21-18-19-1.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** The meeting required under subsection ~~(c)~~ **(d)** must occur at a time and place convenient for the student. The approved postsecondary educational institution at which the student is enrolled in courses shall, upon request by the student, provide space for the meeting on property owned, used, or occupied by the educational institution.

~~(f)~~ **(g)** Before meeting with a student under subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, an employer, individual employed by an intermediary, or individual employed by a labor organization must pass any background checks required by the approved postsecondary educational institution at which the student is enrolled in courses.

~~(g)~~ **(h)** If the approved postsecondary educational institution at which the student is enrolled in courses determines that no intermediaries, employers, or labor organizations are willing to meet with students under subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, the educational institution may



submit to the commission ~~for higher education~~ a written request to waive the meeting requirement.

~~(h)~~ **(i)** An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that meets with a student under subsection ~~(c)~~ **(d)** shall submit an annual report to the commission ~~for higher education~~ in the manner established by the commission ~~for higher education~~ under IC 21-18-19-1.

SECTION 9. IC 21-12-3-9.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 9.3. (a) An award recipient may apply an award under this chapter to the cost of training by an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization approved by the commission under IC 21-18-19-1.**

(b) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that:

(1) provides training to an award recipient under subsection (a);

(2) incurs expenses associated with the provision of training under subdivision (1); and

(3) meets any other requirements or limitations established by the commission;

may give written notice to the commission of the expenses that it has incurred under subdivision (2).

(c) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that meets the requirements under subsection (b) is entitled to receive payment of the expenses described by subsection (b)(2) provided by the award.

SECTION 10. IC 21-12-3-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 15. (a) This section does not apply to an award recipient who is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter.**

(b) An applicant to whom the commission has issued an award may apply for enrollment as a student in any approved postsecondary educational institution. However, the institution is not required to accept the applicant for enrollment, and the institution may require compliance with its own admissions requirements. If the institution accepts the applicant, it shall give written notice to the commission. The institution is entitled to the payments of tuition and other necessary fees and charges provided by the award that are incurred by the applicant. It shall provide facilities and instruction to the applicant on the same terms as to other students.

SECTION 11. IC 21-12-3-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,



SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 17. **(a) This section does not apply to an award recipient who is participating in training under section 9.3 of this chapter.**

(b) A student to whom a renewal award has been issued may either ~~re-enroll~~ **reenroll** in the approved postsecondary educational institution that the student attended during the preceding year or enroll in another approved postsecondary educational institution. In either event, the approved postsecondary educational institution accepting the student shall notify the commission. The approved postsecondary educational institution is entitled to payment and is contractually obligated as provided for first year awards.

SECTION 12. IC 21-12-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. A person is eligible for a freedom of choice grant if:

(1) the person is qualified for a higher education award under the terms of IC 21-12-3-1, IC 21-12-3-2, and IC 21-12-3-3 or IC 21-12-3-4, even if lack of funds prevents the award or grant;

(2) for a freedom of choice grant awarded before September 1, 2014, the person has a financial need that exceeds the award, as determined in accordance with:

(A) this chapter, IC 21-18.5-4, IC 21-12-2, and IC 21-12-3; and

(B) the rules of the commission; and

(3) the person will **apply the grant to the cost of training under section 3.6 of this chapter or the person will** attend an approved postsecondary educational institution that:

(A) either:

(i) operates in Indiana, provides an organized two (2) year or longer program of collegiate grade directly creditable toward a baccalaureate degree, is operated by a nonprofit entity, and is accredited by a recognized regional accrediting agency or the board for proprietary education under IC 21-18.5-6; or

(ii) is a hospital that operates a nursing diploma program that is accredited by the Indiana state board of nursing; and

(B) is operated privately and not administered or controlled by any state agency or entity.

SECTION 13. IC 21-12-4-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2023, SECTION 73, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3.5. **(a) This section does not apply to an award recipient who is participating in training under section 3.6 of this**



chapter.

~~(a)~~ **(b)** As used in this section, "intermediary" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-18-1-3.5.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** As used in this section, "labor organization" has the meaning set forth in IC 22-6-6-5.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(g)~~; **(h)**, a student who receives a grant under this chapter shall, during the:

(1) first undergraduate academic year that the student receives a grant under this chapter; and

(2) third undergraduate academic year that the student receives a grant under this chapter;

meet with at least one (1) intermediary, employer, or labor organization for not less than thirty (30) minutes to discuss current and future career opportunities and the necessary education levels for various careers.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** For purposes of subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, a student may meet only with an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that is included on the list prepared under IC 21-18-19-1.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** The meeting required under subsection ~~(c)~~ **(d)** must occur at a time and place convenient for the student. The approved postsecondary educational institution at which the student is enrolled in courses shall, upon request by the student, provide space for the meeting on property owned, used, or occupied by the educational institution.

~~(f)~~ **(g)** Before meeting with a student under subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, an employer, individual employed by an intermediary, or individual employed by a labor organization must pass any background checks required by the approved postsecondary educational institution at which the student is enrolled in courses.

~~(g)~~ **(h)** If the approved postsecondary educational institution at which the student is enrolled in courses determines that no intermediaries, employers, or labor organizations are willing to meet with students under subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, the educational institution may submit to the commission ~~for higher education~~ a written request to waive the meeting requirement.

~~(h)~~ **(i)** An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that meets with a student under subsection ~~(c)~~ **(d)** shall submit an annual report to the commission ~~for higher education~~ in the manner established by the commission ~~for higher education~~ under IC 21-18-19-1.

SECTION 14. IC 21-12-4-3.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 3.6. (a) A grant recipient may**



1 apply a grant under this chapter to the cost of training by an
 2 intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization approved by
 3 the commission under IC 21-18-19-1.

4 (b) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that:
 5 (1) provides training to a grant recipient under subsection (a);
 6 (2) incurs expenses associated with the provision of training
 7 under subdivision (1); and
 8 (3) meets any other requirements or limitations established by
 9 the commission;

10 may give written notice to the commission of the expenses that it
 11 has incurred under subdivision (2).

12 (c) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that
 13 meets the requirements under subsection (b) is entitled to receive
 14 payment of the expenses described by subsection (b)(2) provided by
 15 the grant.

16 SECTION 15. IC 21-12-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 17 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3. Money in the fund must be used to:

- 19 (1) provide annual tuition scholarships to qualified scholarship
 20 applicants who enroll as full-time students at a postsecondary
 21 educational institution that qualifies for participation in the
 22 program under section 4 of this chapter; or
 23 (2) provide scholarships for training, a sequence, a course, an
 24 apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of this
 25 chapter;

26 unless it is transferred to another fund under this article at the direction
 27 of the commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.

28 SECTION 16. IC 21-12-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.235-2023,
 29 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. (a) Unless a student qualifies under subsection
 31 (b), to qualify to participate in the program, a student must meet the
 32 following requirements:

- 33 (1) Be a resident of Indiana.
 34 (2) Be:
 35 (A) enrolled in grade 7 or 8 at a:
 36 (i) public school; or
 37 (ii) nonpublic school that is accredited either by the Indiana
 38 state board of education or by a national or regional
 39 accrediting agency whose accreditation is accepted as a
 40 school improvement plan under IC 20-31-4.1-2; or
 41 (B) otherwise qualified under the rules of the commission that
 42 are adopted under IC 21-18.5-4-9(2) to include students who



- 1 are in grades other than grade 8 as eligible students.
- 2 (3) Be a member of a household with an annual income of not
- 3 more than the amount required for the individual to qualify for
- 4 free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch
- 5 program, as determined for the immediately preceding taxable
- 6 year for the household for which the student was claimed as a
- 7 dependent.
- 8 (4) Agree that the student will:
- 9 (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
- 10 meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution;
- 11 (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
- 12 IC 35-48-1-9);
- 13 (C) not commit a crime or an infraction described in
- 14 IC 9-30-5;
- 15 (D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described
- 16 in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or
- 17 IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their
- 18 repeal));
- 19 (E) timely apply, when the eligible student is a senior in high
- 20 school:
- 21 (i) for admission to an eligible institution, **unless the**
- 22 **student intends to apply a scholarship under this chapter**
- 23 **to the cost of training, a sequence, a course, an**
- 24 **apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9**
- 25 **of this chapter;** and
- 26 (ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance
- 27 available to the eligible student to attend an eligible
- 28 institution;
- 29 (F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation
- 30 of:
- 31 (i) at least 2.0, if the student graduates from high school
- 32 before July 1, 2014; and
- 33 (ii) at least 2.5, if the student graduates from high school
- 34 after June 30, 2014;
- 35 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading
- 36 scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and
- 37 12; and
- 38 (G) complete an academic success program required under the
- 39 rules adopted by the commission, if the student initially enrolls
- 40 in high school after June 30, 2013.
- 41 (b) A student qualifies to participate in the program if the student:
- 42 (1) before or during grade 7 or grade 8, is placed by or with the



consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by a child placing agency in:

- (A) a foster family home;
- (B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;
- (C) a child caring institution; or
- (D) a group home;

(2) meets the requirements in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(2); and

(3) agrees in writing, together with the student's caseworker (as defined in IC 31-9-2-11) or legal guardian, to the conditions set forth in subsection (a)(4).

(c) The commission may require that an applicant apply electronically to participate in the program using an online Internet application on the commission's website.

SECTION 17. IC 21-12-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.165-2016, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6. (a) A student may apply to the commission for a scholarship. To qualify for a scholarship, the student must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be an eligible student who qualified to participate in the program under section 5 of this chapter.

(2) Be a resident of Indiana.

(3) Be a graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution and have achieved a cumulative grade point average in high school of:

- (A) at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is expected to graduate from high school before July 1, 2014; and
- (B) at least 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is expected to graduate from high school after June 30, 2014.

(4) Have applied to attend and be accepted to attend as a full-time student an eligible institution, **unless the student intends to apply a scholarship under this chapter to the cost of training, a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of this chapter.**

(5) Certify in writing that before the student's graduation from high school the student:

- (A) did not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);
- (B) did not illegally consume alcoholic beverages;
- (C) did not commit any other crime or a delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5)



- 1 before their repeal));
- 2 (D) timely filed an application for other types of financial
- 3 assistance available to the student from the state or federal
- 4 government; and
- 5 (E) completed an academic success program required under
- 6 the rules adopted by the commission.
- 7 (6) Submit to the commission all the information and evidence
- 8 required by the commission to determine eligibility as a
- 9 scholarship applicant.
- 10 (7) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll
- 11 in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2
- 12 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who
- 13 are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an
- 14 income or financial resources test applied to them when they
- 15 subsequently apply for a scholarship. Have a lack of financial
- 16 resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the
- 17 commission, that, in the absence of an award under this chapter,
- 18 would deter the scholarship applicant from completing:
- 19 (A) the applicant's education at the approved postsecondary
- 20 educational institution that the applicant has selected and that
- 21 has accepted the applicant;
- 22 **(B) training by an intermediary, an employer, or a labor**
- 23 **organization under section 6.9 of this chapter; or**
- 24 **(C) a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program**
- 25 **of study provided by a CSA participating entity (as defined**
- 26 **in IC 20-51.4-2-3.2) under section 6.9 of this chapter.**
- 27 **(8) Unless the student intends to apply a scholarship under**
- 28 **this chapter to the cost of training, a sequence, a course, an**
- 29 **apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of this**
- 30 **chapter, complete the requirements described in section 6.8 of**
- 31 **this chapter.**
- 32 ~~(8)~~ **(9)** Meet any other minimum criteria established by the
- 33 commission.
- 34 (b) This section applies to an individual who graduates from high
- 35 school after December 31, 2011. To be eligible for a scholarship under
- 36 this section, a student must initially attend an eligible institution
- 37 described in subsection (a)(4) not later than the fall semester (or its
- 38 equivalent, as determined by the commission) in the year immediately
- 39 following the year in which the student graduates from high school,
- 40 **unless the student intends to apply a scholarship under this chapter**
- 41 **to the cost of training, a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or**
- 42 **a program of study under section 6.9 of this chapter.**



SECTION 18. IC 21-12-6-6.8, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2023, SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6.8. **(a) This section does not apply to an award recipient who is participating in training, a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of this chapter.**

~~(a)~~ **(b)** As used in this section, "intermediary" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-18-1-3.5.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** As used in this section, "labor organization" has the meaning set forth in IC 22-6-6-5.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(g)~~; **(h)**, a student who applies for a scholarship under section 6 of this chapter must agree, in writing, that the student will, during the:

(1) first undergraduate academic year that the student receives a scholarship under this chapter; and

(2) third undergraduate academic year that the student receives a scholarship under this chapter;

meet with at least one (1) intermediary, employer, or labor organization for not less than thirty (30) minutes to discuss current and future career opportunities and the necessary education levels for various careers.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** For purposes of subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, a student may meet only with an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that is included on the list prepared under IC 21-18-19-1.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** The meeting required under subsection ~~(c)~~ **(d)** must occur at a time and place convenient for the student. The eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in courses shall, upon request by the student, provide space for the meeting on property owned, used, or occupied by the eligible institution.

~~(f)~~ **(g)** Before meeting with a student under subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, an employer, individual employed by an intermediary, or individual employed by a labor organization must pass any background checks required by the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in courses.

~~(g)~~ **(h)** If the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in courses determines that no intermediaries, employers, or labor organizations are willing to meet with students under subsection ~~(c)~~; **(d)**, the eligible institution may submit to the commission for higher education a written request to waive the meeting requirement.

~~(h)~~ **(i)** An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that meets with a student under subsection ~~(c)~~ **(d)** shall submit an annual report to the commission for higher education in the manner established by the commission for higher education under



1 IC 21-18-19-1.

2 SECTION 19. IC 21-12-6-6.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 6.9. (a) The definitions in**
5 **IC 20-51.4-2 apply to this section.**

6 **(b) A scholarship recipient may apply a scholarship under this**
7 **chapter to the cost of training by an intermediary, an employer, or**
8 **a labor organization approved by the commission under**
9 **IC 21-18-19-1.**

10 **(c) If the scholarship recipient:**

11 **(1) had or has a CSA account;**

12 **(2) used funds in the CSA account to participate in a**
13 **sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program of study**
14 **designated and approved under IC 20-51.4-4.5-6; and**

15 **(3) did not complete the sequence, course, apprenticeship, or**
16 **program of study described in subdivision (2);**

17 **a scholarship recipient may apply an award under this chapter to**
18 **the cost of completing the sequence, course, apprenticeship, or**
19 **program of study described in subdivision (2).**

20 **(d) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that:**

21 **(1) provides training to a scholarship recipient under**
22 **subsection (b);**

23 **(2) incurs expenses associated with the provision of training**
24 **under subdivision (1); and**

25 **(3) meets any other requirements or limitations established by**
26 **the commission;**

27 **may give written notice to the commission of the expenses that it**
28 **has incurred under subdivision (2).**

29 **(e) A CSA participating entity that:**

30 **(1) provides a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a**
31 **program of study described in subsection (c);**

32 **(2) incurs expenses associated with providing the sequence,**
33 **course, apprenticeship, or program of study to a scholarship**
34 **recipient; and**

35 **(3) meets any other requirements or limitation established by**
36 **the commission;**

37 **may give written notice to the commission of the expenses that the**
38 **CSA participating entity has incurred under subdivision (2).**

39 **(f) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that**
40 **meets the requirements under subsection (d) is entitled to receive**
41 **payment of the expenses described by subsection (d)(2) provided by**
42 **the scholarship.**



1 **(g) A CSA participating entity that meets the requirements**
 2 **under subsection (e) is entitled to receive payment of the expenses**
 3 **described by subsection (e)(2) provided by the scholarship.**

4 SECTION 20. IC 21-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.215-2018(ss),
 5 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7. (a) Subject to IC 21-12-13-2, a scholarship
 7 awarded under section 6 of this chapter or this section may be renewed.
 8 To qualify for a scholarship renewal, a scholarship recipient must do
 9 the following:

10 (1) Submit to the commission a renewal application that contains
 11 all the information and evidence required by the commission to
 12 determine eligibility for the scholarship renewal.

13 (2) Continue to be:

14 **(A) enrolled as a full-time student in good standing at an**
 15 **eligible institution; or**

16 **(B) participating in training, a sequence, a course, an**
 17 **apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of**
 18 **this chapter.**

19 (3) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll
 20 in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2
 21 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who
 22 are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an
 23 income or financial resources test applied to them when they
 24 subsequently apply to renew a scholarship. Continue to have a
 25 lack of financial resources reasonably available to the applicant,
 26 as defined by the commission, that, in the absence of an award
 27 under this chapter, would deter the scholarship applicant from
 28 completing:

29 **(A) the applicant's education at the approved postsecondary**
 30 **educational institution that the applicant has selected and that**
 31 **has accepted the applicant;**

32 **(B) training by an intermediary, an employer, or a labor**
 33 **organization under section 6.9 of this chapter; or**

34 **(C) a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program**
 35 **of study provided by a CSA participating entity (as defined**
 36 **in IC 20-51.4-2-3.2) under section 6.9 of this chapter.**

37 (4) Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the
 38 eligible institution, **unless the scholarship recipient is**
 39 **participating in training, a sequence, a course, an**
 40 **apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of this**
 41 **chapter.**

42 (5) If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an



academic year beginning after August 31, 2019, complete a student success program designed by the commission in coordination with eligible institutions.

(6) Beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31, 2017, **unless the scholarship recipient is participating in training, a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of this chapter**, the student successfully completes:

(A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during the last academic year in which the student received state financial aid; or

(B) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during the last academic year in which the student was enrolled in postsecondary education.

(7) Continue to meet any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

(b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the commission shall apply all the following types of credits regardless of whether the credits were completed during the last academic year described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):

(1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, Cambridge International, and international baccalaureate courses.

(2) College credits earned during high school.

(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during a previous academic year in which a student received state financial aid.

(c) The commission may allow a student who is otherwise ineligible under subsection (a)(6) for an award during the next academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the student submits a petition to the commission and the commission makes a determination that extenuating circumstances (as determined by the commission) prevented the student from meeting the requirements under subsection (a)(6).

SECTION 21. IC 21-12-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013, SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 8. **(a) This section does not apply to a scholarship recipient who is participating in training, a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of this chapter.**

(b) A scholarship may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed the number of academic terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate academic years.



SECTION 22. IC 21-12-6-10.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.52-2022,
SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 10.3. (a) This section:

(1) applies to a student who qualifies for a scholarship under
section 6 or 7 of this chapter, if the student initially enrolls in the
program after June 30, 2011; **and**

**(2) does not apply to a scholarship recipient who is
participating in training, a sequence, a course, an
apprenticeship, or a program of study under section 6.9 of this
chapter.**

Applicants who are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will
not have an income or financial resources test applied to them under
this section when they subsequently apply for a scholarship or apply to
renew a scholarship.

(b) A scholarship applicant shall be awarded the following amount
as adjusted under subsections (c) and (d):

(1) If the scholarship applicant attends an approved postsecondary
educational institution that is a state educational institution, the
full educational costs that the scholarship applicant would
otherwise be required to pay at the eligible institution.

(2) If the scholarship applicant attends an approved postsecondary
educational institution that is private, the greater of the:

(A) average of the educational costs of all state educational
institutions, not including Ivy Tech Community College; or

(B) amount the applicant is eligible to receive under
IC 21-12-4.

(3) If the scholarship applicant attends an approved postsecondary
educational institution that is a postsecondary credit bearing
proprietary educational institution, the lesser of the educational
costs that the scholarship applicant would otherwise be required
to pay at the postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational
institution or the educational costs of Ivy Tech Community
College.

(c) The amount of an award under subsection (b) shall be reduced
by:

(1) for an amount awarded before September 1, 2014:

(A) the amount of the Frank O'Bannon grant awarded to the
scholarship applicant; plus

(B) an additional amount based on the federal needs
calculation, if necessary, as determined by the commission, to
provide scholarships within the available appropriation; or

(2) for an amount awarded after August 31, 2014, the amount



based on the federal needs calculation, if necessary, as determined by the commission, to provide scholarships within the available appropriation.

(d) The total of all tuition scholarships awarded under this section in a state fiscal year may not exceed the amount available for distribution from the fund for scholarships under this chapter. If the total amount to be distributed from the fund in a state fiscal year exceeds the amount available for distribution, the amount to be distributed to each eligible applicant shall be proportionately reduced so that the total reductions equal the amount of the excess based on the relative financial need of each eligible applicant.

SECTION 23. IC 21-12-13-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.11-2023, SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to the following scholarship and fee remission statutes:

- (1) IC 21-12-3.
- (2) IC 21-12-4.
- (3) IC 21-12-6.
- (4) IC 21-13-2.
- (5) IC 21-13-7.
- (6) IC 21-13-8.
- (7) IC 21-13-4.
- (8) IC 21-14-5.
- (9) IC 21-12-16.

(b) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ **subsections (c) and (d)**, and except for a scholarship granted under IC 21-13-8 to an individual described in IC 21-13-8-1(b)(2)(B), a grant or reduction in tuition or fees, including all renewals and extensions, under any of the laws listed in subsection (a) may not exceed the number of terms that constitutes:

- (1) except as provided in subdivision (2), four (4) undergraduate academic years, as determined by the commission; or
- (2) for purposes of IC 21-13-4, six (6) academic years as determined by the commission;

and must be used within eight (8) years after the date the individual first applies and becomes eligible for benefits under the applicable law.

(c) The commission may, subject to the availability of funds, extend eligibility under subsection (b) for a recipient who used a grant or reduction in tuition or fees under any of the statutes listed in subsection (a) at a postsecondary educational institution that closed. The extension of eligibility may not exceed the number of terms used by the recipient at the postsecondary educational institution that closed.

(d) Subsection (b) does not apply to:



(1) the recipient of a scholarship, grant, or award under IC 21-12-3, IC 21-12-4, or IC 21-12-6 who elects to apply a scholarship, grant, or award to the cost of training by an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization approved by the commission under IC 21-18-19-1; or

(2) the recipient of a scholarship under IC 21-12-6 who elects to apply the scholarship to the cost of a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program of study under IC 21-12-6-6.9.

SECTION 24. IC 21-14-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]:

Chapter 15. Reporting to the Commission for Higher Education and Analysis

Sec. 1. Each state educational institution shall annually report to the commission in a manner and form prescribed by the commission, the following information:

(1) A list of all the degrees offered by the state educational institution and the following:

(A) The number of students (including fractional effort) pursuing each degree.

(B) The number of students (including fractional effort) who obtained each degree.

(2) For each degree listed by the state educational institution under subdivision (1), the number of students who completed the degree program on time.

(3) The number of faculty members (including fractional effort) involved with each degree program.

(4) The number of administrative support staff (including fractional effort) involved with each degree program.

(5) The total cost to the state educational institution for each degree program.

(6) For each degree program, the total cost to a student.

(7) The estimated salary of students who graduate with a particular degree for the following benchmarks:

(A) The starting salary.

(B) One (1) year after graduation.

(C) Three (3) years after graduation.

(D) Five (5) years after graduation.

(E) Ten (10) years after graduation.

(8) The number of and average salary of both of the following:

(A) Administrators.

(B) Student-facing faculty and instructors.



(9) The estimated total debt load by degree type, including short term credential, associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate degree.

(10) Debt load trends over time by degree type, including short term credential, associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate degree.

Sec. 2. The commission shall prepare a longitudinal analysis on each of the following:

(1) Tuition and fees, room and board, and allowances for books and supplies for each state educational institution.

(2) The financial aid awarded to students that can be applied toward the cost of attending a state educational institution.

(3) A comparison of the price of attending a state educational institution with national data.

SECTION 25. IC 21-18-19-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2023, SECTION 78, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section, "applicable statutes" means the following:

(1) IC 11-10-12-7.

(2) IC 20-30-5.6-5.

(3) IC 21-12-3-9.2.

(4) IC 21-12-4-3.5.

(5) IC 21-12-6-6.8.

(6) IC 21-18-20.

(b) As used in this section, "labor organization" has the meaning set forth in IC 22-6-6-5.

(c) The commission shall:

(1) develop application forms by which an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization may apply for inclusion on the lists described in subdivisions (2) and (4);

(2) create a list of approved intermediaries, employers, and labor organizations for the purposes set forth in the applicable statutes;

(3) establish, in a manner that complies with:

(A) state privacy laws; and

(B) federal privacy laws, including the privacy provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g);

annual reporting requirements for an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that meets with an individual under the applicable statutes; and

(4) create a list of intermediaries, employers, and labor organizations that are approved for purposes of the applicable



~~statutes: to receive reimbursement for expenses associated with the provision of training to a student who receives a scholarship, grant, or award under IC 21-12-3, IC 21-12-4, or IC 21-12-6.~~

(d) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization may apply for inclusion on the lists described in subsection (c)(2) and (c)(4) by submitting to the commission an application on the appropriate form described in subsection (c)(1).

(e) The commission shall publish the lists created under subsection (c)(2) and (c)(4) on the commission's website.

(f) The commission may:

(1) update the lists created under subsection (c)(2) and (c)(4), as needed; ~~and~~

(2) approve or deny a request for a waiver of the meeting requirement submitted under the applicable statutes; ~~and~~

(3) establish requirements or limitations for:

(A) a student who applies a scholarship, grant, or award under IC 21-12-3, IC 21-12-4, or IC 21-12-6 to the cost of training by an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization;

(B) an intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that is approved to receive reimbursement for expenses associated with the provision of training to a student who receives a scholarship, grant, or award under IC 21-12-3, IC 21-12-4, or IC 21-12-6; or

(C) a CSA participating entity (as defined IC 20-51.4-2-3.2) that provides a sequence, a course, an apprenticeship, or a program of study to receive payment under IC 21-12-6-6.9.

(g) The commission may:

(1) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2;

(2) issue a request for proposals under IC 5-22-9; and

(3) issue a request for information;

for the purpose of implementing this section.

SECTION 26. IC 21-49-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]:

Chapter 3. Information Provided to the Department of Education

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "department" means the department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1.

Sec. 2. Each private postsecondary educational institution and each out-of-state public and nonprofit degree granting institutions



1 that offers instructional or educational services or training in
2 Indiana shall provide to the department, in a manner, form, and
3 frequency prescribed by the department, the following:

4 (1) Information necessary, as determined by the department,
5 to carry out IC 20-19-3-22.3.

6 (2) Any information the department requests to carry out
7 IC 20-31-8-5.5.

8 Sec. 3. If an out-of-state public or nonprofit degree granting
9 institution fails to comply with this chapter, the:

10 (1) department may notify the executive officer of the
11 commission regarding the noncompliance; and

12 (2) executive officer of the commission may revoke the
13 authorization granted under IC 21-18-12.2 to the out-of-state
14 public or nonprofit degree granting institution.

